कोशिश की है कि पुरी में और भुवनेश्वर में आई० टी० डी० सी० में एकामीडेशन बढ़ाई जाए। और जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य जानते हैं, कोर्णाक पुरी और भुवनेश्वर नियमित बस सेवा से जुड़े हुए हैं और हम लोग भुवनेश्वर और पुरी में बराबर कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि जल्दी ही हमारी एकोमोडेशन बढ़ सके।

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Mini ter whether ITDC has made a survey in Orissa. We have a long stretch of beach, Puri is considered to be one of the best ones in the world. There are hill resorts. Have you made any survey and have you pinpointed where you want to have what?

श्री अशोक गहलोत : मान्यवर, जैसा मैंने निवेदन किया है अभी आई० टी० डी० सी० राज्य सरकार के सम्पर्क में है और 7 अप्रैल को राज्य सरकार को लिखा गया है कि पुनः अगर कोई बीमा वे तय करे तो हमारे आई० डी० डी० सी० के अफिसर्स वहां जाकर साइट को देख लेंगे और कोई सूटेबल साइट हो तो उस पर विचार किया जा सकता है।

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : May I know, Sir, if there is any plan or proposal under Government's consideration for constructing hotels for the middle class tourists at centres of tourist interest, and if so, the places...

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, no. Question not allowed. The question relates to Konarak. Shri Mohanarangam. All people must confine their questions to Orissa.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : The question relates to ITDC.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : ITDC has all-India coverage.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : We can discuss ITDC.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is with regard to Konarak.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: It is also about Sixth Five Year Plan.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No. Yes, Mr. Mohanarangam.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Is it a fact that whenever there is any joint sector between ITDC and the other party, the ITDC wants a minimum of 51 per cent of the total shares and the balance is given to the other party and if a certain party wants more than 50 per cent, it is totally refused.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question not allowed. Mr. Gopalsamy... (*Interruptions*) I am going to the next question. Question No. 425.

SHRI GOPALSAMY : Mr. Chairman, you called my name.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, come on. Put your question.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : May I know from the Minister how many joint sector hotels were expected to be commissioned during Sixth Five Year Plan period...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question not allowed. The question must relate to Orissa. Question No. 425. Shri Gurupadaswamy. Absent. Shri Biswa Goswami.

Revised Pension for Chandigarh Employees

*425. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY :
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:†

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have accepted the revised pension merging dearness allowance at 320 index level for the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh;

(b) whether this has been given to the pensioners of the Union Territory of Chandigarh; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Biswa Goswami.

(c) Question does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Supplementary.

SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI : No supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No supplementary. You better put your question properly.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : I would like to know from the hon. Minister what would be the fate of employees in Chandigarh after its merger with Punjab.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hypothetical question. Next question.

Installation of 'Quinghao" an Anti-Malaria Medical Plant in India

*426. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 18th July, 1985 wherein it has been stated that "Quinghao" an anti-malaria medicine plant of Chinese origin has been installed in India by the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when this plant is expected to be grown extensively in the country?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The botanical name of the herb of Chinese origin 'Quinghao' is Artemisia annua. The active principle contained in this herb is called Artemisnin. Trials abroad have indicated Artemisnin to be effective in treatment of malaria.

(c) Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants has carried out cultivation of this herb in pilot scale in Kashmir valley and is planning to conduct evaluation trials and toxicity tests.

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Sir, the hon. Parliamentary Secretary has said in his reply that "the active principle contained in this herb is called Artemisnin" and trials on this herb have been carried out in other countries, i.e. abroad. It means the trials have not been carried out in our country. May I know from the hon. Minister whether our scientists and experts have been able to discover the extent of effectiveness of this herb in the treatment of malaria and, if so, has it proved to be more effective than the other malaria drugs available in our country?

SHRI ARUN SINGH: Sir, this plant has been cultivated basically in China and, therefore, the active material has basically been available in China. To the best of our information, some material was also made available to the Walter Reed Hospital in the United States and a very small quantity of 100 milligrammes was sent to the CDRI—Central Drug Research Institute—in Lucknow. The Chinese claim that this active principle is highly effective in both Chloroquin susceptible and Chloroquin—resistant malaria parasites. In our CDRI, with this very small amount of material available some animal trials have been conducted and some effectively has been proved, but the quantity available was not enough to substantiate the Chinese claim.

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: I would like to know from the honourable Parliamentary Secretary as to when this plant had been cultivated in the Kashmir Valley, whether the plantation has proved to be successful and when the evaluation tests and toxicity tests are expected to be carried out in our own country.

SHRI ARUN SINGH: Sir, only a few grammes of seeds were made available to us and the plant was introduced in Kashmir and it has been grown in one acre in the current cropping season. From the total acreage covered, that is, one acre, 200 to 300 grammes of the active ingredient was found. This will be clinically tried in 1986 in animal trials. Next year four to five hectares are proposed to be cultivated and thereafter similar trials will be held.